(*b*) what is the quoa allowed this year;

(*c*) how many tins of kerosene did the Government receive as quota in the months of May 1943; May 1944, May 1945 and May 1946?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The system of separate allotment of quotas to each State came into force only by the end of 1942.

The figures for 1943, 44 and 45 are.—

1943	1,23,312	tins.
1944	1,22,928	,,
1945	1,39,634	,,

(*b*) 1,05,699 tins (From January to July 1946).

(*c*) Figure for 1942 is not available.

May 1944	9,907	tins.
May 1945	9,978	,,
May 1946	13,419	,,

Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri):* What is the full quota allotted to our State for this year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Every month we are getting a consignment.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is there any possibility of increasing the kerosene ration to individual consumers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* As things stand now, we are doing our very best.

Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri):* According to the figures given we have received only 1,39,634 tins for the whole year 1945 whereas we received 1,05,699 tins from January to July 1946. So, we can expect about 2 lakhs of tins for this whole year. Therefore, cannot the Government double the ration now given to consumers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* If we get larger supplies, we will raise it.

Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri):* What is the ration now given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* 1½ bottles where there is no electric light.

NATIONAL HIGH-WAYS

438. Mr. P. Mani (*Kanayannur*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) which roads are going to be made National High-ways as per Post-war Re-construction scheme;

(*b*) whether the estimates for any of these roads are made ready;

(*c*) if so, which are those roads and when the estimating completed;

(*d*) what further works did the Government do regarding these roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The Shoranur—Cochin Road and the Trichur—Vaniampara Road were originally proposed to be raised to the standard of National High-ways. According to the revised plan of the Govepnment of India, only the roads from Ernakulam to Trichur and from Trichur to Vaniampara are included in the National High-way Scheme.

(*b*) & (*c*) The estimates for both the roads are ready. They were completed by the end of 1120.

(*d*) The National High-way Scheme is an all india proposition. The final decision of the Government of India in the matter of financing and executing the scheme in Indian States is awaited.

SEA EROSION IN CRANGANUR

439. Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the public of Cranganur that immediate and effective steps be taken to prevent the devastating sea erosin in Cranganur;

(*b*) whether the Government have noticed an article in the "MALABAR MAIL" requesting the Government to take immediate steps in the matter;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the representation received by them on the Council table;

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(*d*) what are the steps taken by the Government so far;

(*e*) do the Government propose to do anything effective to prevent the sea erosion in Cranganur this year itself;

(*f*) have the Government any idea of the number of acres spoiled by sea ersion in Cranganur this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chef Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Articles regarding this in the "DEENABANDHU", dated 15th June 1946 and "DEEPAM", dated 19th June 1946 were noticed.

(*c*) A copy of the representation received from the Public of Cranganur is appended. (*Appendix III*).

(*d*) The question of putting up groynes was investigated. The proposal to put up a groyne at Azhicode by Mr. Manapat Knnjumohamad Hajee on experimental basis has been sanctioned by Government. The question of finding funds for the construction of groynes along the whole coast line is engaging the attention of Government.

(*e*) In addition to the groyne work sanctioned under (d) estimates are being prepared to put up groynes to protect the entire coast line. The work may have to be spread over a few years.

(*f*) Yes. The total area spoiled by sea erosion in Cranganur is about 12·72 acres.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, whether the Hon'ble Revenue Member has any idea of the land revenue paid by the land holders whose lands have been taken away by sea erosion?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Without notice, I cannot give that information.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, whether any representation has been received previously from the people of Cranganur to construct groynes there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): There have been complaints about sea erosion in previous years.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, who collected the figures about the lands affected by sea erosion there?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): My department collected it.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): With reference to answer (*d*) may I know whether the individual mentioned therein agreed to undertake the work only on the refusal of the Government to put up groynes there in spite of various requests?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): This gentleman, Mr. Manapat Kunjumohamed Hajee represented to Government that he is prepared to put up one groyne on an experimental basis in Azhikode to protect his lands, and Government have sanctioned his request. And Government are at the same time considering the question of finding funds for the protection of the entire coastal areas.

Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashroff (*Cranganur*): Was not his request to allow him to put up the groyne at his cost, if only the Government is not going to do it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): That was not his request.

VILLAGE ROADS—CONSTRUCTION OF

440. **Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many new village roads inter-connecting the villages have been constructed this year;

(*b*) which are those roads and what villages are inter-connected;

(*c*) whether there were not petitions and requests to connect Chemmanthatta Village with ചൂണ്ടൽ of Choondal Village in Talappalli Taluk by a short road of few furlong along the fields lying between those two villages;

(*d*) why was this request not attended to so long?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) One village road inter-connecting two villages has been opened.

(*b*) Kottol road in Kadavallur Panchayat inter-connecting Karikkad and Palanji villages.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*c*) above.

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APPENDIX II—*(cont.)*

	Sirkar Schools		Aided Schools		
	Men	*Women*	*Men*	*Women*	*Total*
Nayar ..	4	3	4	1	12
Paradesi Brahmin ..	3	..	..	..	3
Mangalore Brahmin ..	1	..	..	..	1
Konkani Brahmin ..	1	..	..	..	1
Malayalam Brahmin ..	1	..	..	..	1
Other Hindu (Amhalavasi) ..	..	1	..	..	1
Muslim ..	1	..	..	..	1
Christians ..	3	..	8	4	15

APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to Question No. 439)

"A serious calamity that has overtaken the Taluk is the destruction of thousands of acres of agricultural land by sea erosion. This has proved to be a source of perennial loss to the cultivators of this place and we have bitter memories of many families completely ruined due to all their lands concentrated on the sea-shore being washed away by erosion. During the Diwanship of Mr. Herbert a definite assurance was given to the people of this Taluk that protective measures should be undertaken to prevent further encroachment by putting groynes which have found to be effective in Chellanom. We confidently look forward for the accomplishment of this much desired scheme ere long and which would evoke gratitude of the people of this Taluk".

APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to Question No. 450)

List of works sanctioned in 1121, Puthur Panchayat

Serial No.	Works	Amount Rs.	Agency of work	Contractor	Rate	Remarks
1	Improving Kuliamkunnu-Mayampilli Ambalam Road	100	Contract	Naikan Hanuman	25 per cent above	Work completed
2	Puthur Pound Road	100	do.	do.	do.	do.
3	Murkanikara Toppukadavu	150	do.	do.	do.	Nearing completion
4	Improving lanes branching from 1/6 of Kolukulli Road	50	do.	do.	do.	Completed
5	Cheruparambu lane, Mulayam	100	do.	do.	do.	do.
6	Putting up of temporary bridges at Murkanikara	40	Departmental		100 per cent above	do.
7	Putting up of temporary bridges at Kainur	30	do.		do.	do.
8	Maintenance of Puthur bund	150	Contract	M. Chummar	Rs. 475	do.
9	Opening a surplus chal for the Puthur summer bund	150	do.	do.	Rs. 150	do.
10	Road maintenance, 1946	640	do.	M.K. Raman Ezhuthassan	43¾ per cent above	Work in progress

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